

Open the Book Themes for the first half of the Spring Term 2023

12th January: The Kind Stranger...is an excellent role model...Jesus is teaching us that we should be kind to anyone, who needs our help, even if we don't think of them as our neighbours. He asks us to stop and think how we would feel if we needed help, and no one stopped to help us...

Lord, teach us to be good neighbours to everybody. Amen

19th January: I can see...another very exciting story...Imagine not being able to see anything ever, then one day an amazing thing happens and all of a sudden you can see...everything around you the sights, the colours...would it be how you had imagined it to be? I wonder what would be your favourite thing to now see, the colour of the sky? The faces of your family and friends?

Lord, help us to give thanks everyday for all that you have given to us and to never tire of the wonders all around us. Amen.

26th January: The Big Party...This story is all about a very generous Party giver and the very silly excuses everyone gave so they didn't have to go to his party!

God invites us to party with him every day...help us to accept and TRUST in his generosity and to make sure we share it with those around us. Amen.

2nd February: Big Bags of Money... is all about us making the most of our talents and abilities.

Dear God when we asked to do a job for someone else help us to do the best we can. Amen.

9th February: The Burning Bush... Is all about **TRUST**... When we are not quite sure if we can do something, that we have been asked to do, and we think we are just not good enough a lot like Moses who was given a special job to do...

Help us Lord to remember Moses and believe in ourselves and know that with your help anything is possible. Amen.

16th February: The King Who Would Not Listen... A Story about **LOVE** and **FORGIVENESS**. Taking the time to stop and listen to what is going on around us is so important...often we miss out... because we are so busily involved with what we are doing, that we forget to stop and take notice.

Thank you, God, that You are a FORGIVING God who LOVES us anyway. Amen.

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2nd March: Down in the Well... The Prophet Jeremiah finds himself in a sticky situation today...He bravely told the **TRUTH** to someone who did not want to hear what he had to say.

Help us Lord to have the COURAGE to speak up, especially when we know things aren't quite right! Amen.

9th March: The Boys Who Liked to Say No! A Story about making Good Choices and following the 'right' set of rules.

Dear God, help us to make up our own minds and to make Good Choices, rather than just following the crowd, help us to stand up for what we believe in. Amen.

16th March: The Men Who Liked to Say No! The boys from last week had now grown up and because they continued to be **BRAVE** and stand firm in their beliefs of right and wrong...God was with them and helped them to be strong.

Help us to show RESPECT people who stand up for what they believe in. Amen.

23rd March: On the Road to the Cross... Today we heard the story of Jesus who had to be very BRAVE when those around him were being mean...

We Thank you Lord that your story didn't end here and that there was Good News in the end. Help us like you to remain brave and calm when all we really want to do is fight back. Amen.